THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There are five Public Undertakings under the Administrative control of the Ministry of Railways, namely (i) Rail India Technical & Economic Services Ltd. (RITES), (ii) Indian Railway Construction Company Ltd. (IRCON), (iii) Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd. (IRFC), (iv) Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR) and (v) Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd.

(b) The recruitment to these organisations except Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. is made:

(i) through deputation/permanent absorption basis by drafting personnel from Railways, other Govt. Departments and Public Sector Undertakings;

(ii) from open market by issuing advertisement in leading Newspapers; and

(iii) through local Employment Exchange(s) in case of casual staff on purely daily wages/contract basis to cater short-term requirements.

Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. has been registered recently on 19.7.90 with the certificate of commencement of business issued on 28.08.90. No rules have been framed.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The number of retired officials who joined in the last eight months is 68 in RITES, which includes 66 engaged as consultants 28 in IRCON, 4 in IRFC and 5 in CONCOR.

Lift Operators

2685. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of lift operators on the pay roll of Government as on 30th June, 1990;

(b) whether lift operators are detailed for whole day duty on the lifts; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Government propose to do away with the post of lift operators?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha. However, there is no proposal under consideration of Government to do away with the post of Lift Operators.

Fire in Ansal Bhawan

2686. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Director of Estates under Letter No. Estt./8/2/AB/76-77/1064-74 dated 27th August, 1976 took possession of a flat No. 1102 in Ansal Bhawan, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi, without the consent of the owner of the flat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether after fire in Ansal Bhawan all the tenants paid charges for fire prevention installations, etc. but Estate Office failed to do so resulting in premises lying vacant for the last three years;

(d) if so, the deails thereof;

(e) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the grievance of flat owners as published in Statesman of 26th June, 1990; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Flat No. 1102 had been taken on lease by the AGCW & M. for and on behalf of the President of India, in July, 1973, initially for a period of 3 years. Due to